

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 7-13 were pending in the present application prior to amendment herein. The Applicant graciously acknowledges the Examiner's finding that claims 3 and 7-11 are allowable over the prior art, and has amended claim 3 in order to correct the informalities noted in the Office Action. In particular, claim 3 has been amended to correct the grammatical error present in line 7. With respect to the phrase "based on and in the order of" in line 9 of claim 3, the phrase "based on and" has been deleted for clarity, as the step of sorting retrieved records in the order of the follow-up date, priority, and task number is inherently based on the follow-up dates, priorities, and task numbers of such records. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the objections to claim 3 be withdrawn.

Claim 13 has also been amended in order to address the rejection of this claim under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. References to method steps in claim 13 have been deleted in order to make clear that the claim recites computer readable media and not a method. In view of this, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

With respect to the rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, this claim has been amended to recite a computer program product in a computer readable medium. This subject matter is recited in the claims of a large number of issued patents, and is therefore believed to comprise statutory subject matter. In view of this, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter be withdrawn.

In addition, new claims 14-19 have been added to the present application. These claims recite limitations found in allowed claims 8-10. No new matter has therefore been added to the present application by the addition of these claims.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If any issues remain which can be resolved by communicating with the Applicants' representative by telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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